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Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*28-31 January, Boston, Chicago, New Haven and New York

Reportedly Black Panther Party leader Huey P. Newton will travel to the cities named above on a personal appearance tour. He is to be accompanied by the Panther chief of staff David Hilliard and Party functionary Connie Matthews. He is scheduled to speak at a community rally in New Haven on 31 January in support of imprisoned Panther chairman Bobby Seale. His speaking tour may include sessions at Princeton and Syracuse, and Newton reportedly is attempting to contract with Yale for several lectures for a \$5,000 fee.

Recent speaking engagements of Newton have been what some describe as Hitleresque. His remunerative demands are high, and he insists that the entire audience be seated 10 minutes before he appears and remain seated until 10 minutes after he concludes. He brings his own thug security force, and all persons who attend are frisked. Newton also demands that he alone will be on the podium during his lecture. Several colleges reportedly have canceled him out because of these outlandish demands, but several also have gone along with him.

No change has as yet been made in the plan to begin Newton's second manslaughter trial at Oakland, California, on 11 February. Newton will be tried for the 1967 killing of an Oakland policeman. He was released from prison last September 5 after his case had been reviewed by the California Supreme Court and judged to have been improper. When released, Newton had served two years on the earlier conviction in the gun battle death of the police officer.

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The trial date has already been postponed once and will probably be postponed again. Newton's attorney, Charles Garry, the best-known Black Panther defender, is presently involved in the defense of Bobby Seale at New Haven. Since the Seale trial already in progress for many weeks has not yet completed the jury selection, the 11 February date for the Newton trial will probably undergo considerable postponement. It is not believed likely that the State of California will force Newton to trial unless he can be represented by an attorney of his choice. Garry, incidentally, is already in trouble with California judicial authority because he has in the past failed to meet court dates.

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*29-31 January, Los Angeles, California

The National Chicano Moratorium Committee plans to demonstrate at Los Angeles on the above dates. Reportedly the demonstrators will begin marching from five different Los Angeles locations on the 29th. The march is scheduled to end in a mass rally at Belvedere Park in East Los Angeles on the 31st. During the march which is for the purpose of protesting "police brutality" police stations and sheriff offices will be picketed.

In connection with this demonstration the Chicano Moratorium Committee demonstrated at the Los Angeles police administration building on 9 January. During this demonstration violence erupted, and 42 persons were arrested for vandalism and other similar offenses. On 14 January Los Angeles police chief Edward M. Davis held a press conference to tell the Mexican-American community that the Chicano youth was being exploited by the Brown Berets and by sophisticated Bolsheviks who he described as "swimming pool communists." Chief Davis explained that he meant by this that the Mexican-American group in Los Angeles was being turned into "prison fodder" by outside communists agitators. Of the 42 arrests early in January, none belong to the group of instigators. Chief Davis' appeal during this press conference was to the parents of Mexican-American youth, an appeal that the parents put a stop to it. Davis stated that "15 months ago a judgment was made by the Communist Party to switch activities from the black community to the Mexican-American community. They saw the black people were not going to hold still and be exploited by the Communist Party so they concentrated on the Mexican-American community." During the press conference Chief Davis identified a number of affluent persons sponsoring the Chicano demonstration who he stated have been identified in Government records as Bolsheviks or communists. Also

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involved according to the police chief is the Los Angeles Peace Action Council which is believed to be communist-dominated.

It cannot be determined whether the chief's news conference will take any steam out of the weekend demonstration or not. Chicano demonstrations in Los Angeles in the past have been violent resulting in death and serious injury, and the term "blood bath" has been used in connection with activities scheduled this coming weekend. It is believed highly likely that serious violence is in the offing for Los Angeles this weekend.

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*30-31 January, Washington, D.C.; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Kent, Ohio and Elsewhere in the United States

This weekend significant conferences are being held both by the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression, the CPUSA-controlled successor to the New Mobilization Committee, and by the Socialist Workers Party family of organizations (SWP, YSA, Student Mobe and National Peace Action Coalition). Both antiwar organizations will continue planning their spring antiwar activities. It is still considered highly doubtful that a meeting of the minds between these two major antiwar groups will be reached. The SWP group continues to push for major mass demonstrations in Washington and San Francisco of a nonviolent nature on 24 April. The NCAWRR persists in its plans for early May at Washington. The NCAWRR is expected to adopt a policy of "militant civil disobedience" of a disruptive nature and will protest all grievances, not just the war (which is the strategy of the SWP group).

The results of these conferences and additional details about forthcoming spring antiwar activities will be presented in future Situation Information Reports.

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*31 January-2 February, Detroit, Michigan

Reportedly over 2,000 veterans of the Vietnam War are sponsoring these three days of formal hearings of American atrocities in Vietnam. The organizational sponsor of these hearings is the Winter Soldier's Investigation, and their purpose is to show that the 1968 Mylai massacre was not an isolated incident. Over 100 veterans are scheduled to testify that such incidents are a matter of national U.S. policy.

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On the last day of the hearings, Vietnamese victims of the war will testify from across the Detroit River in Windsor, Canada, by closed-circuit television.

Reportedly former military personnel from Marine and Army divisions will testify about U.S. ground tactics and the mistreatment of civilians. Former prison guards will relate stories of U.S. torture of war prisoners, and Navy and Air Force veterans will tell about the use of high explosives and napalm in highly populated areas. Marine and Army artillery officers will tell of the indiscriminate use of artillery against farmers, women and children. *Guardian 23 Jan 71*

#2 February, New York

Ralph Abernathy, successor to Martin L. King, Jr. as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will be a featured speaker at a citywide rally promoting the freedom of Angela Davis to be held at 8 p.m. in the Manhattan Center. The rally reportedly will present speakers, entertainments and an hour and one half film entitled "Angela, Portrait of a Revolutionary." The film portrays the imprisoned black communist's life and struggle. Among the list of speakers is black Georgia legislator Julian Bond. The BPP and the Young Lords have also endorsed the rally. The citywide rally is being publicized by the Communist Party organ, the Daily World.

The New York address for the Committee to Free Angela Davis is 29 West 15th Street. *Daily World 13 Jan 71*

Last fall Abernathy was talking up another poor people's march on Washington for this spring. No recent publicity has been noted; and because of the advance planning required for success in such a venture, it can be assumed with relative safety that the march is off for this spring. *Daily World 13 Jan 71*

#13-15 February, Chicago, Illinois

The Committee of Returned Volunteers, an antiwar group, has announced that a conference of organizations concerned with American imperialism and the liberation movement will be held at the theological seminary at the University of Chicago on the above dates. The principal purpose of this session is to promote the "People's Peace Treaty" that representatives from the National Student Association (led by David

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March, San Rafael, California

The next court proceeding in the Angela Davis trial for kid-napping and murder is scheduled to commence in early March. One defense motion yet to be ruled on is that Davis act during the trial as a co-defense attorney. Angela Davis has stated that in this case that as a black woman and as a communist only she could thoroughly comprehend the substantive issues.

A number of distinguished attorneys, incidentally, have donated their services to the defense of Angela Davis.

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